

GREEN COATING IS DESIRABLE

Expert on Monuments Writes
Col. Richardson It Would Not
Be Well to Clean Them.

PEOPLE AGITATING QUESTION

Register of Land Office Says If
Public Persist He is Ready If
Governor Will Pay the Bill.

Colonel John W. Richardson, Register of the Land Office, is requested every now and then by interested associations to take up the question of cleaning the green coat from the Washington and Lee monuments, over which he has control as keeper of public grounds and buildings.

In 1903 Colonel Richardson asked the opinion of Mr. Elliott Woods, superintendent of the United States Capitol building and grounds, and it is to be found in the following letters then written:

Office of Superintendent
United States Capitol Building
and Grounds,
Washington, D. C., June 25, 1903.
John W. Richardson, Register and Superintendent Grounds and Buildings, Richmond, Va.
Sir:—Replying to your letter of June 24th, I beg to state that a large number (and some of them silly), of articles have appeared about the cleaning of the Statue of Freedom on the dome of the Capitol.

The only cleaning it has received is that of being washed down with warm water and afterwards with a little alcohol. No effort was made to rub the statue of its green coating, as that appears to be a most desirable feature for bronze art works. So much is this green color desired on bronze statues, such as the Statue of Freedom, that frequently new statues are treated with dilute acid to artificially "age" them.

I know that you have some fine bronze monuments in the Capitol Square in Richmond, and that some have this green coating on them. I would not recommend that an attempt be made to free the statues of this coating, or make any effort to prevent the coating from forming.

A good wash down with a garden hose now and then would be sufficient to keep the statues in a first-class condition, free of dust and settlement.

Very respectfully,
ELLIOTT WOODS,
Superintendent United States Capitol Building and Grounds.

Office of Superintendent
United States Capitol Building
and Grounds,
Washington, D. C., July 3, 1902.
John W. Richardson, Esq., Register and Superintendent Grounds and Buildings, Richmond, Va.
Dear Sir:—In reply to yours of July 2d, I beg to state that the trouble existing on the granite base of the equestrian statue of Washington in your grounds, was caused by the rain carrying the oxidation of the bronze down over the stone. I do not know of any pedestal of stone surmounted by a bronze figure that does not bear the same stains after a few years' exposure.

Opinions vary as to whether or not bases should be cleaned. Personally, I think it is a part of the merit of the statue and of its age to leave the pedestal stained. It is simply a question of whether or not you desire to have the work look like a new piece, or whether you wish to stand with the merits of honorable age upon it.

Very respectfully,
ELLIOTT WOODS,
Superintendent United States Capitol Building and Grounds.

Colonel Richardson says, however, that if the public still persists in having the monuments cleaned, and Governor Swanson will furnish the money, he is ready to do the work.

EMINENT ACTOR IN MONOLOGUE

Roscoe Reeves to Appear Under
Auspices of Civic Improvement
League and U. D. C.

At the Y. M. C. A. Hall on Monday next the Richmond Civic Improvement League and the Daughters of the Confederacy will present the eminent English actor and lecturer, Roscoe Reeves, in a dramatic monologue interpretation of the famous drama, "The Artisan."

Mr. Reeves is known throughout the country as an entertainer and lecturer on the playground idea. During his stay in Richmond he will address various societies on the subject of public playgrounds; but his introduction on Monday evening will be mainly an entertainment.

No charge of admission will be made, and all persons interested may obtain invitation cards at the Y. M. C. A. from secretaries of various organizations, or at newspaper offices.

"The Artisan" is regarded as one of the strongest of modern entertainments, and Mr. Reeves has received the enthusiastic endorsement of many of the leading journals and prominent educators throughout the United States.

Women Investors.
There are 19,999 women who own stock of the Pennsylvania Railroad. This is the surprising statement made by Vice-President Thayer. Almost 42, or to be more exact, 41 per cent, of all the shareholders of the world's greatest railroad are women.

While it is not to be presumed that the army of the fair sex own half the \$600,000,000 shares of the company, their portion must still be very large. That they might, if they so desired, exert a powerful influence in the management of the railroad's affairs cannot be doubted. But they are not shareholders for speculative reasons. They bought Pennsylvania stock for investment purposes only, and they are wisely content to let the men manage its affairs.

What this great aggregation of women investors want is a sure dividend. Many of them own only a few shares, but the income must be in many cases a real factor in life. In the broad treatment of railroad questions generally the enormous number of women who own securities in them should be a vital point for consideration.—Philadelphia Press

Very Special Value
In New Suits, \$21.50

Light weight Voles, in black and colors;
Eton styles with silk embroidered jackets;
plaited skirts.

Miller & Rhoads

New Style Lamp Shades

Rock crystal glass, with beautifully inlaid designs in colors. Something entirely new—just patented. Fits any kind of brass lamp, for gas or oil, \$3, \$6, up to \$8.50.

Easter Showing of Suits, Waists, Dress Goods, Silks

Springtime Is Everywhere in Evidence in the Store, From Top to Bottom.

Ready-to-Wear Garments for Easter Dress Goods and Silks—A Great Showing For Spring.

Not for many years has Easter been so early—consequently an "early spring" is the result, regardless of the weather.

We've never had as many novelties in Ready-to-put-on Garments as we have this year, and yet, at the same time, they're all eminently practical.

Take for example the NEW WAISTS. Every day brings in something new in silk, lace or net—bewilderingly pretty and yet inexpensive.

NEW DRESS SKIRTS in exclusive styles—only one or two of a kind—ranging up to \$20. We're naming below a lot of the medium price Suits for the season—all in the latest styles, and the finest possible cloths used in their manufacture.

We also have a beautiful assortment of HIGH-GRADE FROCKS and COSTUMES running as high as \$75 each.

Exclusive styles with us, and only one of each kind.

One Hundred Suits, \$13.75 ea.

Fancy mixtures, stripes and checks; also Panamas in plain grays. Etons, tight fitting and Prince Chap styles.

Neatly trimmed in fancy braids and buttons. Plaited skirts, all sizes for misses and women.

This is the best assortment of new Suits we have ever had in the store at \$13.75.

Any of the garments is a decided bargain at the price.

Eton Suits of Shepherd's Plaid. Straps on jacket, piped in black taffeta; low-cut collar, trimmed with a wide band of peau de soie; ornamental buttons, cuffs trimmed to match collar, plaited skirt. \$17.50

Light-Weight Fancy Plaid Panama Suits: Eton coat, taffeta lined, short sleeve, straps over shoulder; piped with silk; collar of silk and trimmed with fancy braid, cuffs to match. Plaited skirt; tans, blues and grays. \$24.50

New Suits of Two-Tone Suitings, in tan and light gray. Fancy Eton coat, Gibson style. The straps are piped with fancy silk; collar and front trimmed in Persian effect; plaited skirt. \$24.50

Tailor-Made Street Suits: tight-fitting 20-inch coat lined with peau de soie; velvet collar and cuffs; plaited skirt. Tan shades and gray stripes. Excellent quality cloth. \$28.50

Dress Suits of fine imported light-weight black and blue serge; 30-inch tight-fitting cutaway coat; vestee of striped madras; plaited skirt. Very suitable style for tall, medium stout figures. \$35.00

Fine Printed Organdie, 12 1/2c

A domestic goods, but it's mighty hard to tell it from an imported fabric. Fact is, some stores advertise this quality as "French" Organdie, and tack a much higher price on it. American ingenuity has produced almost as fine a fabric as that of the French, and the printings are just as pretty. The price is only about one-quarter that of the imported goods. 12 1/2c yard.

Colored Dotted Swiss, 25c yd

Beautiful sheer fabrics brought out by the Arnold Co., which insures style and beauty. 22 inches wide in pink, light blue, heliotrope, champagne, green, Alice, navy and black, with white pin dots, 25c yard.

New Mattings from China Just Arrived.

Fresh, new goods (we never offer damaged Mattings for sale). Splendid assortment in checks, plaids and stripes, 25c, 30c, 35c yard.

Mattings Rugs, 36x72 inches, all colors, 50c.

Mattings Rugs, 9x12 ft., \$5.

Crex Grass Rugs, make one of the best, and at the same time cheapest, floor coverings you can get for summer use. All sizes and all colors, plain and figured, 50c to \$8 each.

The New Spring Carpets Are Here

Thousands of people will be refitting their homes this spring, either where they are now located or in a new dwelling. We can show you the prettiest line of new Carpets imaginable if you'll visit our carpet store.

TAPESTRY BRUSSELS, in room, hall and stair patterns, 75c, 85c, \$1 yard.

Amxminster Carpets, all colors, borders to match; special value, \$1.15 yard.

Wilton Velvet Carpets, in room, hall and stair patterns; special, \$1.20 yard.

Easter Hymnals, Prayer Books, and Bibles, with Other Easter Books.

Prayer Books and Hymnals, bound in cloth, red edge, 60c.

Prayer Books and Hymnals, red or black cloth binding, gilt edge, \$1.

Many others up to \$5.

Big assortment of Catholic Prayer Books from 15c up to \$2.50.

Children's Bibles, 30c, 38c, 50c up to \$1.25.

Scholars' Pictorial Bibles, with helps, \$1.

Bagster's Teachers' Bibles, \$1.20.

Nelson's Teachers' Bibles, \$1.20.

Oxford Teachers' Bibles, \$1.20.

Gold Dust (dainty edition), 30c.

Joy and Power, by Van Dyke, 75c.

The Happy Life, 75c.

Daily Strength for Daily Needs, 80c.

Strength and Beauty, 65c.

New Every Morning, 60c.

A Book and a Magazine Worth \$6 for \$2.25

The Christy Girl, by Howard Chandler Christy, sells for \$3. The Reader Magazine, a monthly, is \$3 a year. While our present stock of The Christy Girl lasts we'll sell the book and a year's subscription to the magazine for \$2.25.

Dainty Muslin Underwear for Spring

It's a pleasure for a woman to look through the assortments of Muslin Underwear in this store.

Everything about the stock denotes refinement. Nothing trashy as to material, nor garish in trimming.

The garments are made under strictly sanitary conditions and are offered to you as the best values in Muslin Underwear that will be shown this spring.

Good quality nainsook Corset Covers, trimmed with lace and embroidery, 50c. Others up to \$1.50.

Excellent quality Cambric Drawers, trimmed with ruffle and clusters of laces, 75c.

Others at \$1, \$1.50 and upward.

Very good quality Nainsook Chemise, trimmed with ribbon and lace heading, 80c.

Numbers of other styles, \$1.75, \$2.50 and upwards.

Extra quality Cambric Skirts, umbrellia flounce, trimmed with tucks and elany insertion, \$2.50.

Other styles, \$2.25 and upwards.

Several styles of Nainsook Gowns, trimmed with lace and embroidery. \$1

Many other styles, \$1.50, \$2.50 and upwards.

Wedding Presents for Easter Brides

Fine China, Silverware, Cut Glass.

The assortments were never better and the prices never lower than you'll find them now.

We bought some beautiful Austrian China Dinner Sets a short time ago to sell for \$22.50 each. When the china reached us one of the sets was short a lot of fruit saucers. We've made the price \$16.89

Haviland China Dinner Sets, in fine rosebud patterns; few pieces short; originally \$42.50, now \$33.89

Importers' samples of Salad Bowls and Cake Plates, only one of a kind, 50c, 60c, \$1.

Each piece much under price. All beautifully decorated—some of the \$1 articles being hand-painted.

Handsome 3-piece Water Sets, of heavy quadruple-plate silverware, \$10.

Butter Dishes, quadruple-plate silver, \$2.

Quadruple-Plate Tea Sets of 4 pieces—colonial designs—beautiful specimens of the engraver's art, \$10.

Candlesticks, good weight quadruple plate silverware, \$2.

These pieces are all new and the price of each one is about 25 per cent. under its value.

We were fortunate last week in receiving a beautiful assortment of Cut Glass Bowls, Compots, Olive Dishes, Celery Dishes, Pitchers, etc.—the output of some of the best factories in America.

For several reasons we were able to buy these pieces considerably under the ordinary prices.

They're offered you at the same proportionate figures and some of our regular stock has been lowered in price to correspond with the latest arrivals.

Fit Your New Gowns or Suits Over



Redfern
Whalebone
Corsets

The one illustrated is style "C," especially adapted for full figures, which are, as a rule, considered hard to fit. You'll not find it so, however, with a Redfern Corset. Style "C" is in coutille, deep skirt, curving hip, with a long back.

This model always improves the figure. Experts in our Corset Department will fit you to the exact size. Style C is \$4.

Our Corset Department also carries all the latest models in C. B., W. B., Nemo, Warner, P. N., R. & G. and Tasso Corsets.

Easter Novelties For the Children.

Chickens as low as 8c a dozen. Many of the Toys are quite unique in construction, such as roosters that crow and clap their wings.

One of the newest conceits is "Peter Rabbit"—a companion to "Teddy Bear."

Easter Novelties In the Art Department.

Catchy little things in beautiful effects for Easter gifts.

Laundry Bags, Shoe Bags and dozens of other articles of like utility, made of art creton. 29c, 50c, 75c, 98c and upwards.

Mull Wrappers, \$4.

These are great values and you'll have to see the garments to appreciate really how good they are. Daintily figured dotted mull, large round collar, surplice of white trimmed with two rows of Val edge.

Short sleeves with turn-back cuff and deep flounce on bottom.

Women's Dressing 50c Sacques,

New garments, exceptionally well made and very neat in appearance.

Some of lawn, white grounds with blue, brown, black and pink figures. Others in percale, dark grounds with white dots; also in gray effects.

A serviceable negligee garment at a little price—50c.

Embroideries--Two Special Values For Spring Sewing.

25c yd, worth up to 39c yd

49c yd, worth up to 69c yd

Several thousand yards of these embroideries. We purchased them at the lowest prices the market has been or will be for some time. We couldn't duplicate them to-morrow at the same figures. Window display, Broad Street.

Wide flouncings and corset cover embroideries, 18 inches wide, in English eyelet, blind embroidery and shadow work styles. Values up to 39c yard, for 25c

All-overs, 18 to 24 inches wide, in cambric, Swiss and nainsook, pretty patterns for yokes, wash hats, etc. Values up to 49c 60c yard, for 25c

White Egyptian Muslin, 39c--50c yd

A soft, silky finish cotton that we imported direct, which reduces the price to you considerably.

Most stores buy through a New York jobber.

48 inches wide and the prettiest fabric we've ever seen for fine lingerie waists and dresses. 39c and 50c yard.

Linen Towels--Special Prices.

\$1, \$1.35, \$1.50, \$2, \$2.25, \$3 doz.

The reason why the prices are special is this:

We have just placed our import order for next fall delivery of these same towels, and at greatly advanced figures over what we paid for the present stock.

The chances are that prices will still further advance.

We feel justified in advising you to anticipate your wants, as the prices quoted to-day are at the very least from 25 per cent. to 33 per cent. under what next season's figures will be.

Neat-Looking Curtains for Spring

The choice is practically an unlimited one, as all the new styles for spring are here.

Don't be misled into thinking that the very low price curtains are not both pretty and serviceable. We have Madras Curtains here in all colors, at 75c and \$1 a pair that will surprise you for value.

Snowflakes, all colors, \$1.50 to \$2.50 a pair.

Net Curtains, 2 yards long, 42 inches wide, flat and ruffled Renaissance edge and insertion, \$1.50 pair.

Other Net Curtains, with full ruffle, lace edge and insertion, corner motif, \$2.25 pair.

French Nets, with four rows of Renaissance edge and insertion, \$3 pair. Others with a wide hem, Renaissance edge and corner motif, \$3.50 a pair, but really worth \$4.50.

Trunks and Traveling Bags For Your Easter Trip

Half the pleasure of a trip is lost if you're not prepared to make it. We can fit you out in a first-class LEATHER SUIT CASE, 24-inch size, with brass locks, for \$5.

TRUNKS at any price you wish to pay.

Our Trunk Store this season contains a larger stock than we've ever carried, and it's a fine assortment to choose from.

Good Flat-Top 34-inch Canvas Covered Trunks, with a brass lock, for \$3.50.

Better Trunks, same size, double strap, trimmed with brass, \$5.75.

36-inch Automatic Trunks, lined with linen, double strap, heavy brass trimmings, a trunk worth \$12.50, for \$10.00.